



## *Weare Public Library*

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## *Board of Trustees*

Raymond J. Kelly, Chairman

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Christine Hague, Director

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 3, 2009

**Present:** Ray Kelly, Susan Morin and Terri Wahnowsky, Trustees; Paul Marsh and Jill Tacy, Alternate Trustees; Christine Hague, Director.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Treas. Morin moved to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting as written. Chairman Kelly seconded and all were in favor.

#### **Public Hearing:**

A public hearing came to order at 6:33 p.m. to accept \$594.74 in funds from donations and unanticipated income (see table below). Chairman Kelly moved to accept, Secy. Wahnowsky seconded and the hearing closed with all in favor at 6:35 p.m.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Director's Report**

Treas. Morin asked for more information on staff development. Is Neline comparable to WebJunction? Dir. Hague said it is, but with more in-person classes and hands-on workshops. (More discussion of this subject in the Children's Librarian Training section.) Dir. Hague reported that the Friends of the Library Book Sale grossed \$1800 this year, \$380 less than the net last year. Secy. Wahnowsky moved to accept the Director's Report as written, seconded by Treas. Morin.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Mission Statement**

The mission statement was revised as follows:

*The Weare Public Library seeks to promote reading and literacy in the community, provide access to information, and acquire and make available educational and recreational resources and activities for the benefit of all patrons.*

##### **Masonry**

The capital reserve requests made in April were resubmitted by Dir. Hague to the Selectmen for reconsideration. Dir. Hague was told all projects are in the hands of the Building Committee.

Dir. Hague will check the status with Naomi Bolton. The Trustees all agreed that the masonry and the painting of the exterior of the windows in the Paige section should be part of the CIP.

### **New Business:**

#### **Website**

Danconia Media in Weare offered to design a basic website for the library for \$1200, a substantial discount to the \$3,000 to \$4,000 they normally receive. Granite State Telephone will host the site for free through their Education Link program. Dir. Hague has received a generous pledge of \$600 from a donor for a project. When Dir. Hague suggested the website, the donor wrote a list of questions such as: what is the difference between the blog the library has now and a website? The donor found the blog very informative and wonders if a website is necessary. Dir. Hague asked the Trustees for suggestions of other worthwhile projects for the donor's money. New books are not an option because of the capacity limits. (A structural engineer has declared the Paige Room at capacity.) The Trustees suggested that Dir. Hague meet with the donor to go over the discussion points for the website. If the donor is still reluctant, perhaps the money can be spent in the children's room. The Trustees all agreed that the library should have its own website and offered to help fundraise for it if necessary.

#### **Emergency Lights**

The Joint Loss Management Committee inventory listed a need for emergency lights in the bathrooms. These will cost about \$450 and can be covered by Article 20 of 2007.

#### **2009 Capital Improvements**

- Masonry -- \$7,000 for repair and repointing of masonry and chimney in Paige section.
- Storm windows – Granite State Glass quoted \$2850 for Harvey double hung storms in the Paige Room.
- Insulation – Dir. Hague will contact Daystar for a quote.
- Window Painting -- \$4,475 for restoration, repair and painting of exterior windows on the Paige section.
- Air conditioners – Dir. Hague will get estimates.
- New Building – Alt. Marsh stated we need to resubmit a place holder for 2013.

#### **Children's Librarian Training**

Dir. Hague's Report to Trustees for August states, "Research showed that there are very few educational opportunities for librarians unless the candidate enrolls in a Master of Library Science (MLS) program. The state no longer supports WebJunction, although we may still take its online classes at a pay-per-workshop rate. NELINET, an organization in Southborough, MA offers the most. To take advantage of their online and on-site workshops, we would either have to register (\$545 annually) or we could use the NH State Library discounted rate and pay from \$45 to \$200 for each offering." Chairman Kelly recommended asking Karen to try one course at NELINET to see if the membership is worth \$545 per year. The Trustees will wait for the fiscal year budget to determine increases in pay commensurate with increases in responsibility.

#### **Next Meeting**

October 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Terri Wahnowsky, Secretary

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Hearing to Accept Donations and Unanticipated Income  
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Source	Purpose	Amount
Income generating equipment	Books, supplies	\$121.75
Replace library card	Books, supplies	8.00
Book replace	Books	60.99
Larry Ouelette	Audios	200.00
C. Hague	Books, supplies	35.00
Small donations	Books, supplies	169.00
		\$594.74